

Potomac Valley Radio Club

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MEETING NOTICE

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TREASURER

Alfred A. Laun, III, K3ZO
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WHEN: Monday, November 14, 1985, 7:30 P.M.

WHERE: QTH of Fred Laun, K3ZO, 5801 Huntland Dr, Temple Hills, MD.

DIRECTIONS: From the Capitol Beltway (which is I-95 in this area), take exit 7 (Route 5 - Branch Ave). Exit south towards Waldorf. Go to FIRST stoplight (Manchester Dr) and turn right. Manchester is 1/2 block long and ends in a "T" at Old Branch Ave. Turn right on Old Branch Ave. Follow Old Branch Ave as it curves gently to the left. At that point, it becomes Henderson Rd. Follow Henderson for about 1 mile, until you come to a slight rise with a "Caution - Hidden Entrance" sign. As you come over the rise, you will see the K3ZO antenna farm on the right. Turn right on Huntland Dr and you are there. ** Please bring some refreshments with you. **

PROGRAM: The program will center on a discussion of the CQ WW DX SSB and CW Sweepstakes contests, and plans and strategies for the upcoming SSB Sweepstakes and CQ WW DX CW contests.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Potomac Valley Radio Club meets on the second Monday of the month from September through May, except for December. Meetings begin at 7:30 P.M. The December meeting is held in a Washington area dining establishment. Summer meetings are typically held at various members' QTHs and generally consist of a social event and station tour.

Please call any of the officers for info on the club. Please call Tom, WA3TAI, to arrange for a program for a club meeting. W3FG is the current newsletter editor. Articles and ads from members are welcome and should be sent to Walt McGugan, W3FG, 1336 Burlington Dr, Odenton, MD 21113, or call (301) 674-8077.

OCTOBER MEETING de Mike, KC8C

The October meeting was once again held at the QTH of K3ZO. Fred has generously offered to host our meetings for the foreseeable future. Fred's home is very near the Beltway and is convenient even for yours truly (KC8C) coming from Alexandria.

The main item on the agenda was the election of officers for the coming year. The new slate appears in the letterhead on the first page. Please give us your support and join us both on the air and at the meetings this season. It was decided that we will make a concerted effort at Sweepstakes this season. Please plan to be on the air, if possible, or make your station available to a guest operator. Remember: it is the small scores that win the club competition and every bit helps!

It was sadly announced that longtime PVRcer and pioneer Multi-operator station builder and operator Tom Peruzzi, W4BVV, became a silent key in early October. All of the old-timers in the club will remember Tom from the Golden Age of the PVRC multi-ops in the late 1960's and early 1970's when the beacons of W3MSK (later W3AU), W4BVV, and W4KXV put our club in the forefront of the contesting world (your scribe, then an SWL, remembers marveling at the low band scores of W4BVV). It was motioned and passed that the trophy that Tom had donated in the CQ DX Test for so many years would become the "W4BVV Memorial" and be henceforth donated by PVRC.

A brief Doctor DX presentation was given after which the meeting adjourned for pizza.

Contest Season Dates:

CW Sweepstakes November 2-3

Phone Sweepstakes November 16-17

CQ WW CW November 23-24

ARRL 160 December 6-8

ARRL 10 December 14-15

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUB de Mike, KC8C

Welcome aboard to new W3LPL crew members and future PVRC members KK1Z and KM3T. KM3T, Dave, comes from the FRC area and was an op at N2RM... A few Sundays ago, several of us from the 'LPL crew invaded a peaceful rural lot in Howard County to deliver the bases of the first seven towers which will soon become the new W3LPL. I wonder what the poor CBER next door with the quad at twenty feet will think?

STATION ACTIVITY NEWS de Mike, KC8C

N8II was single band 15 during WW Phone and will be guest operated by KC8C in CW SS and by Jeff in Phone SS. Jeff will be joining us at 'LPL during CQ CW... N2FB will be single OPed by Wayne during both weekends of Worldwide and guest OPed both weekends of SS... W3LPL will be manned by Frank during CW SS and guest OPed by KC8C for Phone SS. We will be Multi-Multi, of course, during WW... K3ZD will be single OP all four weekends... Dave (K3ZJ) was single band twenty in WW Phone... Mark KX3Q (ex KD4NI, AA4HE) will be making big efforts in the Phone SS and the 160 Meters contests this season (if we could only get him on CW)...

CQ WW PHONE AT W3LPL de Mike, KC8C

The CQ WW Phone Contest was an unexpected surprise this year. For several days before the contest the Solar flux hovered in the mid-nineties. The typical solar flux for this point in the cycle is 60-70.

The 'LPL crew was a mixture of regulars and newcomers. The principle ops were:

160	AI3M
80	KA1GD/W3LPL/K3DI
40	KM3T/W3MR
20	KC8C/KX3Q
15	KF3P/K1RZ(ex-CT2FH)
10	W3LPL/KK1Z

The test started with a bang. For the first time in a few years all six bands were going full bore. Even 10 meters produced about 30 QSO's before closing.

A look at the top 3 US Multi-Multi scores shows that scores were up substantially. At 'LPL our scores were up on all bands except 40 which stayed essentially the same probably due to the tremendous conditions on the higher bands, particularly 15 meters. 160, 80, and 40 were up in VE QSO's with 80 and 40 manned around the clock. K3DI did an exceptional job on 80 in the daytime luring all those non-contest VE's into the test.

Ten meters offered a DIRECT opening to Eu on Saturday which really brought the multiplier to a respectable level. This was welcome relief after the deplorable conditions in the ARRL last spring. Sunday was primarily a day of typical sunspot minimum conditions with the band open mainly to the south.

Fifteen offered tremendous Eu runs both days as can be reflected in the multi scores and the tremendous single op efforts of K2EK and N8II.

Twenty meters was its usual jungle and was aptly nicknamed "Fort Apache- 20 meters" by the Springsteen ("Born to Run") crew. Latin America was good until nearly midnight on Friday with a sparse but decent VK/ZL opening in the middle of the night. On Saturday the band had Eu runnable by about 1100z. We acquired 14150 at about 1230z and were able to maintain it